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EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS - JUNE, 1949

Year Ended June, 1949

During the eleven months ended 31st May, 1949, the number of persons in employment (exclusive of rural workers and females in private domestic service) rose by 75,900 (3.2 per cent) from 2,374,900 in June 1948 to 2,450,800 in May, 1949. Of the total rise 55,900 were males and 20,000 were females.

During the month of June, 1949 however, the estimated number of persons on pay rolls fell from 2,450,800 at the end of May, to 2,429,100 at the end of June. The whole fall occurred in New South Wales and Tasmania and was principally due to industrial disputes. The full effect of the coal stoppage which began late in June is not reflected in the figures as the numbers recorded relate to persons on the payroll during the last period of the month and not to the numbers actually at work at the end of the last pay period of the month. The figures do not therefore, reflect the full reductions in employment when such reductions are due to employees being temporarily stood down.

Changes in State Figures.

The numbers of persons in employment in each State and Territory in June 1948, May 1949, and June 1949 were as follows.

STATE	JUNE 1948.	MAY 1949.	JUNE 1949.
New South Wales	964,200	991,200	968,900
Victoria	670,000	691,600	692,300
Queensland	310,500	319,900	320,300
South Australia	199,100	207,100	207,600
Western Australia	146,200	150,600	150,900
Tasmania	72,500	76,200	74,800
Northern Territory	4,600	4,900	5,000
A.C.T.	7,800	9,300	9,300
Australia	2,374,900	2,450,800	2,429,100

Changes in Industrial Groups. June, 1949

Employment in mining and quarrying decreased during the month ended June, 1949. Decreases also occurred in manufacturing, transport, property and finance, commerce, and professional and personal services. Employment in building and construction increased by 2,200 during the month.

Fall in Factory Employment during June, 1949

Employment fell during June in all classes of Factories except Rubber Works and Light and Power Works. The greatest absolute fall occurred in the manufacture of metals, machinery, vehicles, etc which fell from 320,577 by 7,203 to 313,374 a drop of 2.3 per cent, while the greatest percentage fall was in Brick, Pottery and Glass works which fell by 1,147 or 6.2 per cent to 17,286

Government Employment

The number of persons employed by governmental authorities at the end of June, 1949 was 622,000 of whom 181,300 were employed by the Commonwealth Government (and Statutory authorities) 377,700 by State and semi-governmental authorities and 63,000 by local government authorities.

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